



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10

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Reply To: ORC-113

Patricia Dost
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Re: Portland Harbor Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for RI/FS, U.S. EPA Docket No. CERCLA-10-0240; Gasco Facility, Administrative Order on Consent for Removal Action, U.S. EPA CERCLA; Docket No. 10-2004-0068; Gasco Sediments Site Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Removal Action, U.S. EPA CERCLA Docket No. 10-2009-0255

Dear Ms. Dost:

I am writing on behalf of the Office of Environmental Cleanup, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 ("EPA") to respond to NW Natural's request regarding destruction of documents contained within an old administration building slated for demolition in the near future. The documentation you sent showed the records in question strewn on the floor of the building and in very bad condition. The request was made to comply with record preservation provisions in the various administrative orders on consent between EPA and NW Natural. In accordance with the administrative orders, EPA does not want the documents and, as to those specific documents only, relieves NW Natural from the record preservation requirement under the orders.

EPA's response does not waive or relieve NW Natural from any other record preservation obligation it may have under contract, state or federal law, or civil litigation rule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Houck Cora".

Lori Houck Cora
Assistant Regional Counsel